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> STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION : OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

ELLEN O. IWUDIBZA, LPN a/k/a ELLEN O. EJIMKONYE, LPN License # 26NP06885600

: CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which revealed that Ellen O. Iwudibia, previously known as Ellen O. Ejimkonye ("Respondent"), a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of New Jersey, was arrested on June 6, 2014 by members of the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4 (Endangering Welfare of Children); N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1(b)(3)

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(Aggravated Assault With a Weapon); and N.J.S.A. 9:6-1 (Child Abuse). The charges allege that Respondent, while working as a Licensed Practical Nurse providing in-home care for a medically fragile toddler, scalded the child's lower extremities, and dressed the child without obtaining medical assistance.

On July 11, 2014, Respondent signed a consent order with the Board of Nursing voluntarily surrendering her nursing license to be deemed a temporary suspension.

On December 4, 2015, Respondent pleaded guilty to $4^{\rm th}$ degree child abuse in Superior Court and is scheduled for sentencing on January 22, 2016.

Respondent's guilty plea establishes that she engaged in gross negligence, gross malpractice, or gross incompetence which damaged or endangered the life, health, welfare, or safety of a person pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c) and engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense relating adversely to the practice of nursing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), both of which provide bases for disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

Respondent now agrees to voluntarily surrender her license to practice Nursing in the state of New Jersey to be deemed a revocation in accordance with the terms of this Order. The

Board, being satisfied that entry of the within Order obviates the need for formal proceedings, and being further satisfied that good cause exists to support entry of the within Order,

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS DAY OF FUTURY, 2016, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Ellen O. Iwudibia a/k/a Ellen O. Ejimkonye shall voluntarily surrender her license to practice Nursing in the state of New Jersey to be deemed a permanent revocation. Respondent agrees not to reapply for a nursing license in the state of New Jersey in the future.
- 2. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward all nursing licenses under either name, both wallet and wall versions, to Lisa N. Brown, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101, on behalf of the Board of Nursing.
- 3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the state of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the state of New Jersey.
- 4. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing Nursing

practice in the state of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Acting Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Ellen O. Iwudibia, LPN aka Ellen Ejimkonye License # 26NP06885600

Consent is hereby given as to the form and entry of this Order/

Allsea Hapsoup Esq. Attorney for Respondent

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